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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, TSPA, NZ

SUBJECT: CONTRACTOR OPERATION OF BAKER-NUNN STATION

REFS: (A) STATE 162396

(B) STATE 115300

1. CONTRACTOR OPERATION OF MT. JOHN AGAIN DISCUSSED WITH DOYLE (DEPUTY HEAD, MFA LEGAL DIVISION) JULY 16. EMBOFF NOTED SALIENT POINTS MADE REFTEL A. DOYLE FORESEES NO PARTICULAR DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GNZ APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE FOR CHANGEOVER TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION OR FOR PHASING IN OF CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL TO BEGIN IN MID-AUGUST. TAXATION QUESTION, HOWEVER, STILL BEING CONSIDERED BY INLAND REVENUE DEPARTMENT WITH NO ESTIMATE AVAILABLE AS TO WHEN DECISION WILL BE REACHED. EMBASSY MAKING EVERY EFFORT OBTAIN EARLY GNZ DECISION.

2. EMBASSY WEILL DELIVER FORMAL NOTE CONCERNING PROPOSED CHANGEOVER TO GNZ THIS WEEK. IN ADDITION TO GIVING SCENARIO FOR CHANGEOVER, NOTE WILL OUTLINE USG POSITION ON TAXES, JURISDICTION AND CLAIMS AS CONTAINED IN VARIOUS STATE CABLES. NOTE WILL ALSO INDICATE THAT USG CONSIDERS EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS DUTIES APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF FACT CONTRACTOR AND EMPLOYEES WILL BE IN
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TRACKING PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: WHKILE EMBASSY FORESEES NO MAJOR DIFFI-
CULTIES IN OBTAINING AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FOR
CHANGEOVER TO CONTRACTOR OPERATION, WE ARE UNABLE TO
PREDICT WHEN AGREEMENT WILL BE REACHED ON TAX AND DUTY
QUESTIONS, AND THEREFORE NOT YET IN A POSITION TO
RECOMMEND FORM AN CONTENT OF EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
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